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1. DEPT WELCOMES AMBASSADOR'S STRONG PRESENTATION ON

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RADIO LIBERTY REPORTED IN MADRID 1552 AND SUGGESTS THAT

IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH SPANISH YOU CONTINUE TO STRESS THE POINT THAT SOVIETS HAVE NO GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINING TO SPANISH ABOUT RL BROADCASTS, IN VIEW OF THEIR COMMITMENTS IN CSCE TO FOSTER AN "EXPANSION IN THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION BROADCAST BY RADIO," AND "TO FACILITATE THE FREER AND WIDER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION OF ALL KINDS" (SEE REFTELS B AND C).

2. SPANIARDS HAVE ALSO UNDERTAKEN THE SAME COMMITMENTS IN VIEW OF THEIR SIGNATURE OF CSCE FINAL ACT, AND ANY RESTRICTION ON EXISTING POSSIBILITIES FOR RL BROADCASTING FROM SPAIN WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THESE COMMITMENTS.

3. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO POINT OUT THAT PORTUGUESE AND FRG EXPERIENCES DEMONSTRATE THAT PRESENCE OF SUCH RADIO

TRANSMITTERS DOES NOT IMPEDE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH EAST WHEN SOVIETS DESIRE IMPROVED TIES.

4. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION RAISED IN PARA 6 OF REF (A), WE DO NOT SEE A FUNDAMENTAL CONFLICT, AND BELIEVE SOVIETS HAVE SIMPLY PERCEIVED POSSIBLE ARGUMENTS AND OPENINGS WHICH THEY CAN CAPITALIZE ON IN BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON GOS REGARDING RL. FULLER ANALYSIS FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.

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